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duction plants: neither 25X1 25X11 access to any classified Soviet a series of highly specialized problems, and a number of routine technical problems, and discussed these with Soviet engineers at all organizational levels, including the outstanding Soviet 25X1 technical and scientific leaders, never had access to the Soviet finished electronics equipment, have not seen them in test-25X1 ing or prototype use. and have not discussed their performance or operational data. German equipment 25X1 at a distance, such as the SCR-584, Meddo and Pauke, and prior knowledge. Germans, 25X1 had good opportunities to compare our observations and interpret worked on. Thus, 25X1 what strived to provide with the technical and operational background necessary for our work and withheld by the Soviets. 25X1 At times able to check our conclusions against subsequent developments and against unguarded remarks by the Soviets. 25X1 this provided a very good general picture of Soviet efforts and advances in the field of electronics. 25X1 ZSXI 25X1 -----25X1 CLASSIFICATION DISTRIBUTION

SECRET (d) In navigation, with the assistance of German specialists, they reviewed very carefully all navigational systems in operation and in development, and developed a system which is relatively free from jamming and which fits their basic requirements of accuracy and reliability. (e) In high-frequency technique the Soviets have in general reached the competence of the West and were able to do original work (For example, they proved to be able to do a better job on millimeter waves than was done at Fryazino with our assistance.) They have been doing original work on very high power (of the order of 10 megawatts) high efficiency (80%) magnetrons and produced high power klystrons. (f) Though in general the Soviets are behind vacuum tubes, they have built a number of very large vacuum tube plants, increased their production output on common and specialized tubes many times beyond that of the and of the World War II days and managed to produce some troublesome tubes (such as AK-5) without much more trouble than has been 25X1 experienced in the West. (g) They have improved their educational program and with German assistance built extensive and effective on-the-job technical training facilities which permitted them to fill up their gaps in practical engineers, beginning sometime in 1950, and have developed a very effective management program for the use of their facilities, raw material resources and manpower. 25V1 25X1 in their opinion, the time of outright dependence of the 25X1 USSR on foreign electronics science and technology, typical of the immediate post-war days, had passed and that the Soviets were ready and would stand on their own. 25X1 they would not exploit foreign developments,

aven by outright copying, if this was to their benefit.

the Soviets reached the stage of scientific and technological
maturity in electronics, and that they consider themselves competent ZDAI 25×1 to handle their own problems. It should always be kept in mind that the Soviets are determined to be self-sufficient in everything and although ready to use foreign efforts to their advantage they have a deep-seated distrust of foreigners. the great Soviet stress on electronics is conditioned by their concern with national security and more specifically with their military preservedness.

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The Soviet people do not the driving force behind all Soviet activities, electronics including, is to get ready for war, and that the Soviets believe war to be inevitable.

Whether their concept of war is basically offensive or defensive. from the words of Admiral Berg, Zuzmanovsky, and other leaders, that during the immediate post-war years the Soviets stressed the defensive elements: that was the reason for the high priority on radar and communication jamming. There was a very definite shift, in Soviet thinking from the concept of local defense to the concept of long-range defense and finally to the concept of offense by the concept of long-range defense and finally to the change in the highest priority in electronics from countermeasures (jaming) to navigation.

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for the change in the highest priority in electronics from countermeasures (jaming) to navigation. Russian history preconditioned the Soviets to anticipate the need to trade space and manpower for time to build their defense. This is the basic 25X1

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reason for moving their strategic activities far inland (ie, Central Siberia and other distant areas) and making all their research and production institutes as nearly self-sufficient as possible. However, the last war taught them that it is offense that wins the war, and that a well-developed offense can perhaps remove or reduce the need for defense. They have been on the offense in "cold war" -- they are apt to rely on offense in actual

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7. In spite of the general advances in electronics, there are serious weaknesses in the Soviet electronic picture. One or these is the unbelievably low technological level of the large masses of people in the USSR. Admiral Berg, with the assistance of Captain Shchumin and others, has been working hard to reach the Soviet masses by such popular-level Soviet publications as Radiotekhnika. In the USSR, however, even Radiotekhnika is highbrow stuff and Admiral Berg's efforts have barely scratched the surface. The masses are blissfully ignorant of the important role which technology as a whole, and electronics in narticular can have in the private life of the people And yet it is from these ignorant masses that the Soviets will have to draw the human material for their

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electronic specialists, and in case of war, for the low-level operating, maintenance and production personnel.

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manpower in the USSR as the result of the Soviets' decision to make all their important research, development and production units fully self-sufficient and independent. This might be an important 8. There is factor in their defense plans, but it must lead to a large-scale duplication, overlapping and waste of specialists who could be assigned to more immediately productive duties.

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There are also serious gaps in the Soviet substantive sections of electronics. Perhaps, one of the most important is the continued scarcity of scientific and technological instrumentation. The, Soviets have never been strong in this field, and the high rate of their post-war scientific and technological expansion placed such a heavy demand on laboratory equipments and production testing and control devices that the Soviets have not been able to cope with it. This is the basic reason for the Soviet purchases of such equipment from abroad.

the Soviets will continue to be dependent upon the west in this field for some time to come.

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the Soviets are weak at present in the field or servo-technique. Though strong in the theory of telemetering and remote control, they systematically vetoed any German proposal 10. for the use of servo-technique

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result of the lack of proper experience by Soviet electronics specialists with the use of the precision techniques in their field. The same observations apply to the Soviet lack of precision goniometers in navigational systems.

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In spite of the strong interest of the Soviets in the advanced type of computers, the data mandling procedures in the laboratories and in production plants is also very primitive. At Fryazino the only devices used by the engineers are slide rules, graphic charts (nomograms) and abacus.

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## B. <u>Ultrasonic Developments</u>.

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	uses. The project was concerned with "very small" equipment to	25X1 25X1
	The project was started in Leningrad in 1940 and was returned to Leningrad in 1950. to a Navy laboratory.	25X1
	device other than it might be used as an echo-sounding fathometer to measure underwater profiles.	25×1
13.	The operating frequency was 40 kilocycles/second; the peak power was to be 50 kilowatts. Nothing specific was known about the output load or output currents	25X1 23A1
	The only significant condition was that the top of the pulse be flat within 10%. The normal pulse frequency was to be one pulse per second, the pulse ratio 1/30. The pulse characteristics were improved through the use of a choke in the screen grid circuit. The transmitter tube was pentode although originally Soviets tried a tricde. The pentode was of rather large size, about five or six inches in diameter and 50 cm high. It was tested water-cooled, but worked air-cooled. The pentode was designed by a man in Leningrad.	25X1
	C. Radar	
14.	radar has been concentrated at a large plant in Saratov. The three-cm magnetron presumably for this radar was first constructed at Fryazino and the klystron was designed in Leningrad. This latter information was gathered from Gerlach, who is a German klystron specialist, and a German master-mechanic, both of whom worked in klystrons in the USSR and were transferred to Leningrad to assist. Later everything on Meddo production, including the klystron and magnetron seems to have been done at Saratov	
	Concerning aircraft sighting, The puster of the western "Meddo" is	25X1 25X1
	very long and extends far below the aircraft fuselage. The Soviet bombers appeared to have a radome of about two square feet in dimension. The hood beneath the Soviet aircraft is believed to be too small to accommodate the normal "Meddo"	25X1
	the antenna of the Western "Meddo" had been modified or the Berlin-type antenna had been used. A	25X1
	Berlin antenn: 'ouid Just fit into this space	25X1 25X1
15.	There were two in Germany during the last war for airborne gun-laying. One operated in the nine-ten cm region; the other in the 25-27 or 61-72 cm region. The nine-cm Pauke was the	25X1
•	one in which the Soviets demonstrated interest. The Pauke had oscillating dishes and in a pursuit plane one probably would not work with these. The instruments for the pursuit aircraft should be with stationary dishes. The Pauke could thus be greatly simplified.    The Pauke could thus be greatly the Soviets have worked on the Pauke	25X1
	very much. They are well acquainted with the problems of a modern fighter plane and its requirements.	25X1
	the Soviets do not have the Pauke operations and the lack of Soviet airborne fire power.  servo-techniques to be a weak point with the Soviets. The fact that the Soviets do not have the Pauke can only be due to the fact that they have been unable to produce it.	25X1 25X1 25X1
16.	In 1946 the Soviets were very much interested in the Forsthaus, a German 10-cm Telefunken early warning development.	25X1
. [	Jt is possible, nowever, that the high-power magnetron development work in the 10-cm region	25X1
	associated with such development. This is considered important work.	25X1

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	D. Guided Missiles.	
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29.	The following to a second	_
	the following is a summary in regard to the Soviet work on guided missiles:	
(	a) the Buschbeck group worked on the V-2 problems.	
(	the Buschbeck group is the best German group in the USSR on guided missiles with good scientific and technical capabilities. Formerly there was another group, the Askawa group.    Originally worked in Kuybishev, but left Kuybishev in 1950 and were divided in two partsone went to work with Buschbeck and the other back to Germany;	•
.(	the Buschbeck group was forced to stop a new	
,÷	four-year contract this means that the Soviets expected to complete the work of this group and solve their guidance problems This would permit the normal procedure of a cooling-off period of a year and then return the group to dermany.	
(s	the Soviets recognize clearly that for short- range guidance of a V-2 type missile, decimeter waves could be used, prrhaps around 20 cm. For distances of several hundred miles or longer, meter waves must be used.	
-	the comments of Buschbeck's associates, Germans and Soviets, that the Soviets consider the V-2 type of missile of utmost importance, because it is least subject to jamming; ie, it can be interfered with only during the immediate post-launching phase, thereafter it follows a ballistic trajectory without any guidance.	
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.•	much interested not only in the design aspects of missiles but also in electronics countermeasures against guidance, against terminal homing and missile fuzes.	
(8	the basic Soviet work on missiles is not done by the Germans,or by a German-Soviet group such as Buschbeck's, but by some Soviet organizations without any German participation.  Concerned with the development of electronically-controlled guided missiles of the V-2 type.	·
(h	the Soviets will be able to have a long- range semi-ballistic missile of V-2 type within 10 years.	
	importance which the Soviets assign to guided missiles and	
•	their general progress in electronics	

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in the USSR who knows a little of both.	
38. Gutenmacher's analog computer was built for the solution of a	X1
This computer was designed by Gutenmacher and built at Pensa.  There were perhaps no more than 10 of these by the end of 1951.	X1
near Mytischi and one at Institute 160.	E113
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39. that Gutenmacher started (1951/52) work on the development of a digital computer at his Moscow Institute. 25. This work is probably still /September 1953/ in the experimental 25.	
designed an analog computer an	
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too complicated, and most probably was not used.	∧ı
41. a series of	5X1
they could learn the fundamentals of analog and digital computers.	
our institute there were good mathematicians and good electronics engineers, and that they were well acquainted with the men	5X1
there appeared to be no appreciation the importance of computers in technological and scientific work.	·
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shifted to long-range navigation. this field of 2	5X1
Soviet electronics.	<b>X</b> 1

43.	The Soviets have an excellent team in the electronic navigation field consisting of General Belyakov (who was the navigator of the Soviet plane which flew over the North Pole) who is an experienced flying officer, a very good administrator and man of considerable vision and power, and Professor Stillermann, General Belyakov's close assistant and the best Soviet navigational theoreticing manners and the second strategy.	25X1 25X1
	(there was a very large air field there). There is also another place under Belyakov's control located at the Chkalov field (Chkalov was the pilot of the North Pole flight).	25X1
44.	The German group which on electronic navigation consisted of Kotovsky, Kaufmann and Feussner. Kotovsky and Kaufmann are high-quality technical leaders, Feussner is a specialist in mechanical design. All three are somewhere in the	25x1
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45.	the theoretical basis for the Soviet approach to long-range navigation was derived from a theoretical study written by Professor Zinke He undertook (in 1945/46) some theoretical work regarding propagation of electromagnetic waves. The by-product of his study was that the effective ranges possible with long-wave, especially at great distances, were much higher than was then generally	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Belyakov, who visited Berlin, assigned to OSW, in May or June of 1946, two basic design problems—(a) short wave cm system for 300-500 km (on a long a range as possible) with an accuracy of 50 meters (this was for use with bombing devices) and (b) a long-range navigational system of the state of the stat	25 <b>X</b> 1
·	with the Soviet specialists on the projects (at one meeting, as I recall in addition to other Soviet specialists, General Belyakov and Vasily Stalin were present). Work on these systems was not completed at OSW because of inadquite facilities. But as an introductory step all the level of the second staling	25X1 <sub>1</sub>
	in part as a result of slow progress at OSW, and primarily because of the decision made around that time by the Soviets to transfer all important work to the USSR, the study of the navigational systems and the development work was taken from OSW and assigned to the Soviet institutes under General Belyakov.  a very thorough reassessment of the world experience in navigation was undertaken there by the Soviets, with some help from the Germans, and that decisions were reached in regard to back a long-range system and a short-wave cm system.	
	the Soviet final decisions were in regard to discussions with the Soviets in 1945/46, and from subsequent reports of the German specialists that the Soviets were not interested in producing copies of the Western equipments but wanted a new development approach to the problem. More specifically the Soviets were guided in general by the collowing principles and goals:	25X1 <sub>2</sub>
	(a) Short range system (decimeter) - The Soviets were concerned	25X1
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•	required accuracy? Prof Stillermanhand a young assistant	
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	Moroughly. For example, this assistant asked to	25X1
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25X1 SECRET that they were able to carry on such communications before 1946 with a submarine submerged to the depth which left the tip of 25X1 the antenna no lower than four meters below the surface. 25**X**1 matter of fact, Captain Shchukin claimed that the Soviets did this before the end of the war. Soviet interest in "Goliath" and "Marius" was primarily Captain Shchukin claimed that 25X1 due to the fact that these gave them additional transmitting facilities. Some questions came up in 1951 in Fryazino regarding the reproduction of tubes for the "Marius" transmitter. It is possible that the transmitter is in regular use now September 19537. The Soviet interest in "Goliath," was due to special construction of its antenna which reduced the 25X1 earth resistance of the antenna to 1/3 ohm. 54. The Soviets were very active in broadcast jamming. they might have 500 or more tamming transmitters. In this 25X1 connection connection In Fryazino and in other places around Moscow, the Soviets have a very large number of communications antennae ("antenna forests"), the size of which exceeds in Fryazino and in other places 25X1<sub>1</sub> 55. It is interesting that although the Soviets are very active in jamming foreign broadcasts they permit their engineers and mechanics to build their own radio receiving sets without any restriction on frequency coverage. As a matter of fact they sponsor and assist such activity. sponsor and assist such activity. at Fryazino the Soviet engineers and mechanics were permitted and encouraged to draw upon some stock materials and components to build radio receivers and transmitters at home, even managed to build himself a television receiver. one mechanic 56. There are three televisions stations in the USSR; in Moscow, 25X1 Leningrad and Kiev. The programs are of good quality, each station has its own radio station and that the systems are not inter-connected by cables or other methods. A few television receiving antennas were seen around Moscow and Fryazino. All were of the simple dipole 25X1 type -- no elaborate antennas were noted for such reception. H. Proximity Fuzes. 57. the Soviets were not producing subminiature tubes for use in proximity fuzes and had no proximity fuzes. I know for use in proximity ruzes and nad no proximity ruzes. I know that Captain Shchukin was very much interested in countermeasures against proximity fuzes; that as early as 1945 he had subminiature type tubes and was much interested in having these copied; and that Institute 160 made no copies of subminiature tubes, although it was given a job, in 1949 or early 1950, to build special production equipment for such tubes. 58. some thinking and talking to other Germans returned from the USSR, Soviets have been producing both the subminiature tubes and some proximity fuzes at Kalinin. the Kalinin plan ready for production in 1949 ou and that it handled only 25X1 the Kalinin plant was specialized subminiature tubes and speciated equipment\*. the manufacture of subminiature parts for 25X1 25X1 25X1 SECRET 25X1 25X1 25X1

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